(b) ONGC has informed that it has taken adequate steps to complete the committee Minimum Work Programme (MWP) within the stipulated time period as per terms of the contract.

In the Exploration Phase (Phase-I), ONGC is to drill 8 Core holes and 2 Exploratory wells as per MWP. So far ONGC has completed drilling of 1 Core hole and 1 Exploratory well. Drilling of 2nd Core hole is in progress.

Remaining 6 Coreholes and 1 Exploratory well have been lined up for drilling. ONGC is fully geared to complete the work within the stipulated time.

(c) and (d) No formal proposal has been made under the provisions of the contract for inducting a third partner. However, Gujarat Government has requested ONGC to induct a third partner who has adequate experience and technology in the field of CBM.

National Auto Fuel Policy

1432. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Auto Fuel Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position with regard to the implementation of the Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In line with the road map laid in the Auto Fuel Policy approved by the Government in October, 2003, fuel quality has been upgraded all over the country as follows:—

Fuel quality	State/citites	Date of introduction
Euro-III Petrol and Diesel	13 cities (Delhi/National Capital Region, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur, Agra, Solapur and Lucknow	1.04.2005
Bharat Stage-II Petrol	All over country	1.04.2005
Bharat State-II Diesel	All States except Rajasthan, West U.P, Uttaranchal, M.P., Punjab, H.P and Jammu & Kashmir	1.04.2005
	Rajasthan	1.06.2005

Fuel quality	State/citites	Date of introduction
	West UP and Uttaranchal	1.07.2005
	Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh	1.09.2005
	Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir	1.10.2005

Levy of Taxes on Petrol

†1433. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taxes levied on petrol by the Central and State Governments are in excess of its cost of production;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that petrol is being sold at Rs. 47 a litre in the country and out of which a sum of rupees 25 per litre is going to the Central and States exchequers; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) At Present, the share of Central and State duties and taxes in the retail selling price of petrol is around 52% at Delhi. The details are given as under:

Sl.No.	Particulars of Levy	Rs./Litre
1	Price without Customs Duty, Excise duty and Sales tax components	21.68
2	Custom Duty (Based on 2nd FN of November' 06)	1.20 (3%)
3	Excise Duty (levied @ 8% + Rs. 13.00 per litre plus 2% education cess)	15.05 (34%)
4	Sales Tax	6.92 (15%)
5	Total of Customs Duty, Excise Duty and Sales tax components (2+3+4)	23.17 (52%)
6	Retail Selling Price at Delhi (1+5)	44.85

Figures in bracket give the components of customs duty, excise duty and sles tax as a % of S.No. 6.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.